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Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2011, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

High Point Branch Library - 3411 S.W. Raymond St.

Commissioners Present: Mark Adreon, Mike Barta, Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Charlene Curtiss, Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Jonathan Porter, Erica Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

Commissioners Absent: Rebecca C. Cory, Hope Drummond, Mary Beth Lum, Saron McKee

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Chenelle Love

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: August 2011 approved as read
July 2011 amendments approved

SOCR Report:

- The Paid Sick Leave ordinance passed; SOCR will begin enforcement in September 2012.
- SOCR has three housing discrimination reasonable cause cases

Guest Speaker: Grant Tietje, Office of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM):

- Coordinates management of resources in an emergency
- Develops emergency management policy
- Supports the field during an event
- Establishes the citywide strategic plan

The OEM three specific asks:

- Outreach through notice lists, social media, etc.
- Catastrophic level planning at a regional level
- Representation on the Disaster Management Committee

The OEM is willing to conduct an emergency preparedness fair in conjunction with the Commission.

Committee Reports:

- Outreach: Meets Thursday 6 p.m. at Charlie's
 - White Cane Day event at Seward Park on October 15th, with food, a four-mile walking trail, and live music
 - **MOTION**: Request a proclamation from the Mayor commemorating October as Disability Employment Awareness Month. **ACTION: PASSED**
 - Next community meeting will be on Capitol Hill
- Education:
 - Reviewing SPD training video; working to create trust
 - Gary and Rebecca training on autism for SOCR: 10/4
 - Committee seeks 60 minutes on retreat agenda: How to capture teaching moments with public officials
- Issues: Meets 2nd Thursdays, 5 p.m. in City Hall
 - Access drop off at downtown library: the library has not received a sufficient number of complaints to establish that this is a problem.
 - Taxi accessibility: the Taxicab Advisory Council has made recommendations about accessible taxis. Outreach is needed to tell individuals how to complain about lack of accessible taxis. Drivers and dispatchers need training. All taxis should allow service dogs.

- Placards: Erica, Patt, and Sara met with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations and SDOT to discuss the City's 2012 state legislative strategy for curbing abuse of placards. Commissioners are asked to provide contacts for advocates in other cities and counties. Gary suggested that the WSMA might support an education campaign. Char talked with Jim Freeburg of the MS Society and a videographer regarding creation and funding for a public service announcement.
- Nominating: Election postponed until October

Report on Five Commission Meeting:

- The LGBT, Human Rights, disAbility, and Immigrant and Refugee Commissions were represented.
- New Commissioner Orientation is needed
- Commissioners want to do meaningful work, not just "show"
- Greater cross-commission collaboration is desired
- Gary suggested attending other commissions' meetings

New Business

Retreat Planning:

- Committee: Deborah Witmer (chair), Laura Gramer, Mike Barta
- Felicia will poll commissioners for additional dates in November and December

Metro Fare Increase:

Vickie Foster and Patricia Copeland will monitor

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.